

Biography

97th AIR MOBILITY WING

U.S. Air Force (AETC)

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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LESLIE E. McPEAK JR.

Chief Master Sergeant Leslie E. McPeak Jr., is the command chief master sergeant for the 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla. He is responsible for the health, welfare and morale of the enlisted force on the installation. He provides the communications link between the installation commander and the enlisted community, ensuring the commander's programs and policies are understood. He also advises the commander on important enlisted force issues.

Chief McPeak entered the Air Force Aug. 26, 1975 and underwent basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. After basic training, he attended Aircraft Environmental Systems Repair School at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. In 1979, Chief McPeak cross-trained into the boom operator career field. He is a chief aircrew member and instructor boom operator with more than 3,000 hours in the KC-135.

He and his wife Lorraine have five children, Leslie III, Laurel, Lance, Lane and Leah.

EDUCATION:

- 1976 Aircraft Environmental Repairman Technical School, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
- 1977 NCO Orientation Course, Phase I PME, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.
- 1980 In-Flight Air Refueling Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
- 1980 PME Phase II, Grissom Air Force Base, Ind.
- 1981 8th Air Force NCO Leadership School, Barksdale Air Force Base, La. (Distinguished Graduate, Academic Award and Military Training Award)
- 1982 Central Flight Instructors Course, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
- 1983 Command NCO Academy by Correspondence
- 1985 SAC NCO Academy, March Air Force Base, Calif. (Distinguished Graduate, Military Studies Award)
- 1987 Senior NCO Academy by Correspondence
- 1990 U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy Residence Course, Gunter Air Force Station, Ala.
- 1992 Air Mobility Command Air Mobility School, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- 1993 Associate's Degree in Aircrew Operations, Community College of the Air Force

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1975 – October 1975, basic training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
2. October 1975 – February 1976, Aircraft Environmental Systems Technical School, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
3. February 1976 – March 1977, Aircraft Environmental Systems Repairman, 388th Field Maintenance Squadron, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
4. April 1977 – October 1978, Aircraft Environmental System Repairman, 376th Field Maintenance Squadron, 376th Strategic Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa
5. November 1978 – August 1979, NCO in charge, Environmental Systems Shop, 366th Component Repair Squadron, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.
6. August 1979 - March 1980, cross-trained into boom operator career field; attended altitude chamber and survival school, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.; attended 4017th CCTS, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
7. March 1980 – March 1983, boom operator/instructor boom operator/A Flt IBO, 305th Air Refueling

- Squadron, 305th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Force Base, Ind.
8. March 1983 – August 1989, A Flt instructor boom operator, NCO in charge, 22nd Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Standardization and Evaluation S101; NCO in charge, 22nd Air Refueling Wing Mission Development Branch; in-flight air refueling program manager, 22nd Air Refueling Squadron, 22nd Air Refueling Wing, March Air Force Base. Calif.
 9. August 1989 – January 1992, detachment chief, Chief Alert Management Division, Detachment 6, 9th SRW, Mather Air Force Base. Calif.
 10. February 1991 – March 1991, in-flight air refueling program manager, 1700th Air Refueling Wing (P), Desert Storm Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
 11. February 1992 – May 1992, while awaiting reassignment after President Bush ended ALFA alert in September 1991, worked for the ATC wing as superintendent of the base hospital pharmacy and superintendent of transportation squadron vehicle operations.
 12. June 1992 – July 1994, superintendent, CONUS Operations Branch, Tanker Operations Division, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
 13. July 1994 – January 1997, Mobile C2 Tankers Deployed, HQ AMC/DOOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
 14. January 1997 – February 2001, 97th Operations Group superintendent, 97th Operations Group, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
 15. February 2001 – present, command chief master sergeant, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster
Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze service star
Air Force Overseas Service Long Tour Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service Award with four oak leaf clusters
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with two bronze service stars
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze service star
Air Force Training Ribbon
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Emirate of Kuwait

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman	December 26, 1975
Airman First Class	August 26, 1976
Senior Airman	December 1, 1977 (BTZ)
Sergeant	December 1, 1978
Staff Sergeant	July 1, 1979
Technical Sergeant	July 1, 1983
Master Sergeant	July 1, 1986
Senior Master Sergeant	September 1, 1990
Chief Master Sergeant	July 1, 1995

(Current as of March 2001)